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Filed: Oct. 3, 2003  
Inventor: Kirk M. Bresniker et al.  
Group Art Unit: 2116  
Examiner: Stefan Stoykov

Dear Sir:

Included in this facsimile package is a transmittal letter in duplicate and one page Response to Restriction.

Sincerely,

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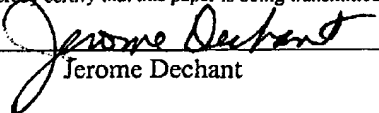
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION**

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231


Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 14, 2006. In the Office Action, the Examiner made a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 and asserted that Claims 1-13 (species I) are drawn to a rack equipment management system and method, classified in class 713, subclass 300, while Claims 14-20 (species II) are drawn to program code for managing rack equipment, classified in class 710, subclass 100

Applicant hereby elects species I, claims 1-13, with traverse. Accordingly, please withdraw species II, claims 14-20 from further consideration at this time.

The right to later traverse is respectfully reserved.

Respectfully submitted,  
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